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SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 21, 1973

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1. TASK FORCE 23 (SNO)

A) PERSONNEL: NO CHANGE.

B) OFFICE SPACE: NO CHANGE.

C) EQUIPMENT: DURING A RECENT TRIP TO THE CHIANG RAI GARRISON BY CMDO PERSONNEL, A REQUEST WAS MADE BY THE OFFICER IN CHARGE FOR SOME TYPE OF RADIO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HIS OFFICE AND TTM PAY YAO CHECKPOINT. THE PAO YAO CHECKPOINT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 80 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF CHIANG RAI ON HIGHWAY ONE AND IS MANNAY BY CRIME SUPPRESSION DIVISION PERSONNEL. SEVERAL PRIOR INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVED UTILIZATION OF THE PAY YAO CHECKPOINT HOWEVER, SNO PERSONNEL PHYSICALLY HAD TO TRAVEL TO THE CHECKPOINT AND DISSEMINATE THE TACTICAL NARCOTIC INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. CMDO PERSONNEL FEEL THERE IS A DEFINITE NEED FOR RADIO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TWO LOCATIONS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SAME WOULD ENHANCE THE OVERALL NARCOTIC SUPPRESSION EFFORT IN NORTHERN THAILAND. COSNO WILL SEND THAI SIGNAL POLICE PERSONNEL ON A FACT-FINDING TRIP TO

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THE ABOVE MENTIONED AREAS AND THE RESULTS OF THEIR FINDINGS AND

ESTIMATED COSTS WILL BE FORWARDED UPON RECEIPT. A REQUEST WAS ALSO MADE FOR BOATS. THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE CHIANG RAI OFFICE REVEALED THAT RECENT INTELLIGENCE INDICATES LARGE MOVEMENTS OF NARCOTICS OUT OF THE CHIANG SAEN, CHIANG KHONG AREAS TO FANG VIA THE MAE KOK RIVER WHICH FLOWS INTO THE MEKONG. A BOAT AT THE IWANG SNO AREA OFFICE AND AT THE CHIANG RAI OFFICE WOULD PROVIDE AMPLE COVERAGE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED WATERWAYS. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT RENTALS OF BOATS UPON RECEIPT OF TACTICAL NARCOTIC INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION CAPTAIN PONG TONG ADVISED THE QUALITY OF THE BOATS IN THE AREAS ARE VERY POOR AND THEIR USE WOULD BE A LIABILITY TO ANY OPERATION.

D) OPERATIONS: SNO PERSONNEL FROM THE LAMPANG SNO AREA OFFICE ARE CONTINUING THEIR POST INVESTIGATION OF WB-73-0016 AND WB-73-0017 IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SOURCES, PERSONALITIES INVOLVED, MODUS OPERANDI AND INTENDED RECIPIENTS.

THE MAE SAI, CHIANG RAI, CHIANG MAI AND FANG SNO AREA OFFICES REPORT INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONTINUING ON TARGETED VIOLATORS.

SNO PERSONNEL REPORT WEEKLY ROADBLOCKS CONTINUE TO AVERAGE 27.

GENERAL COMMENT: DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD CMDO PERSONNEL TRAVELED TO THE MAE SAI/CHIANG RAI SNO AREA OFFICE REGARDING PENDING VIGEL JQZKZIONS, INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AND OTHER OFFICIAL TASK FORCE 23 MATTERS.

2. TASK FORCE 28 (GSI)

A) PERSONNEL: NO CHANGE.

B) OFFICE SPACE: NO CHANGE.

C) EQUIPMENT: NO CHANGE.

D) OPERATIONS:

VIENTIANE: WC-72-0005, GSI OFFICERS CONTINUE THEIR SURVEILLANCE OF THE SUSPECTS IN THIS INVESTIGATION. THROUGH THE UNDERCOVER GSI OFFICER, IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE MAJOR SUSPECT HAD ARRIVED FROM BANGKOK AND WILL PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DEA UNDERCOVER AGENT DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24.

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A COMPLEMENT OF GSI/VIENTIANE OFFICERS PROCEEDED TO THE THAKHEK AREA OF LAOS WITH A GSI OFFICER IN AN ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT INFORMATION CONCERNING A QUANTITY OF OPIUM STORED IN THAT AREA.

GSI DISTRICT OFFICES AT BAN HOUET SAI, LUANG PRABANG AND PAKSE REPORTED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY DURING THIS PERIOD. THEY ARE CONTINUING THEIR SURVEILLANCE OF LOCAL TRAFFICKERS AND ARE CONDUCTING

REOUTINE INVESTIGATIONS ASSIGNED TO THEM BY GSI/HEADQUARTERS
VIENTIANE.

GSI OFFICERS AT SAYABOURY HAVE TRAVELED TO PAK LAY WHERE THEY
INVESTIGATED THE ACTIVITIES OF A PAK LAY TRAFFICKER INVOLVED IN
THE TRANSPORTATION OF OPIUM VIA RIVER CRAFT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, S/A VOPAT HAS BEEN ON ANNUAL LEAVE.

SAIC FULLETT ASSUMED HIS DUTIES AS SAIC OF THE VIENTIANE
DISTRICT OFFICE. SAIC FULLET ATTENDED THE TRI-COUNTRY MEETING AT
BANGKOK AND IS DUE TO RETURN TO VIENTIANE ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1973.

FSO HART, OF THE AMERICAN CONSULATE HONG KONG, ARRIVED AT VIENTIANE
ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1973. FSO HART TRAVELED TO BAN HOUSEI SAI WHERE
HE WAS BRIEFED BY USAID, CUSTOMS, AND GSI OFFICERS REGARDING THE
NARCOTIC CONTROL PROGRAM IN THAT AREA.
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